

it is really going to negatively affect a lot of people's lives, not just automobiles, which might be easier, but trucks that haul things.

For example, a typical truck, the total vehicle weight is 80,000 pounds, which the tare weight, or the empty weight of the empty truck, is 25,000 pounds. You have got about 55,000 pounds worth of capacity. If you convert that truck to an electric vehicle, it will take 16,000 pounds of additional weight of batteries to make it have any kind of range. The payload has just decreased by about 16,000 pounds or so on a truck.

Let's get back to the core numbers. What we are seeing is their own climate stations, their own weather stations, 81 percent of them, have shown as level or a decrease in temperature since 1948. Only a handful have seen an increase. Even then we have got to see how skewed those are with where they are placed, in parking lots or areas that are heat sinks.

Let's look at the CO<sub>2</sub> numbers since that is supposed to be the killer that so many folks are whining about around here. Carbon dioxide is only 0.04 percent of our atmosphere. Four one-hundredths of 1 percent are what they are making us change our lives for. It is also putting America at a huge disadvantage economically, by exporting our jobs, exporting our extraction of natural resources to places like China or other areas around the world that have the ability to do the mining that is needed to produce copper or, heaven forbid, all the lithium and the cobalt and other things it is going to take to battery and electrify everything.

Instead, let's not have mandates to take away our cars, our trucks, and our trains. I even see silly pieces on the internet about one of the major cargo carriers saying we need to look forward to electrifying aircraft. The aircraft won't have any weight capacity to haul anything if you load it down with batteries. Battery technology needs to make leaps and bounds. We don't have it yet. Yes, we should keep researching that, but, by golly, why do we have to hamstring ourselves right now?

The internal combustion engines we have now burn cleaner and better than ever. If we are allowed to continue to refine them, they will be even better, just through attrition, over time. By replacing trucks and replacing vehicles with the newer, cleaner-burning ones, we are making giant strides. We have already made giant strides from the bad old days in the 1960s in the LA Basin and stuff with cleaner-burning vehicles.

Let's make progress on things that are within our range. Yes, we can look into hydrogen and see if that can power vehicles, but this battery-powered everything is really a farce at the end of it. It has to be heavily subsidized to get people to buy the cars. We are seeing the range. We are seeing the stories in the wintertime, et cetera. Let's take a smarter look at what the heck we are doing instead of just forcing it.

## RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 47 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

## PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Our Father, creator—the one who made us who we are and who has given us all we have, as we call on Your name, may You be glorified.

Reveal Your heavenly splendor that we would be assured of the eternity You have promised each one of us. May our life here on Earth reflect this gracious design which is beyond our human imaginings.

Set the world right as we seek to serve You and allow what we do on Earth to be the unveiling of Your divine will for Your creation.

Provide for us this day the nourishment we need to sustain the work You have set before us to do. Strengthen our spirits by the bread that is Your word, that our faith will uphold us in the face of anything that we encounter.

We ask Your forgiveness for all that we have done or left undone which has caused pain and sadness. As we receive Your forgiveness, may we live into Your mercy by finding it within ourselves to forgive others.

Keep us safe today from all evil directed toward us and from all harm which our own temptations inflict upon us.

To You, O Lord, does everything on Earth owe its life. May all that lives and breathes glorify Your holy name this day.

Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

## RECOGNIZING HNI CORPORATION

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shed light on achievements made by Iowa's very own HNI Corporation located in Muscatine, Iowa.

HNI is one of the largest office furniture manufacturers, and they lead in production of products such as gas, electric, wood, and biomass burning fireplaces.

Recently, HNI was recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy for reaching reduced emission goals as a partner in the Better Climate Challenge.

By implementing various renewable energy and energy efficiency efforts, HNI was able to reduce emissions by 64 percent.

We congratulate HNI on this achievement.

I also take this moment to let Carol Crane of Davenport, Iowa, know as she is battling cancer that we are all praying for her, and we all support her.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1278. An act to designate the Federal building located at 985 Michigan Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Rosa Parks Federal Building", and for other purposes.

S. 2087. An act to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

S. 2644. An act to establish standards for trauma kits purchased using funds provided under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

## EARNING A LIVING WAGE

(Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, millions of Americans will start work today not knowing if they will earn enough for food, rent, or medical bills.

Why? Because they are tipped workers who are guaranteed an hourly minimum wage of only \$2.13 plus whatever tips come their way.

Yes, \$2.13 per hour. That is not a typo. Even the most frugal find it impossible to live on \$2.13 an hour plus the luck of a tip jar.

Chicago recently approved the One Fair Wage Act to address this inequity,

and I commend Mayor Johnson, SEIU, and the good folks at One Fair Wage for their leadership on this issue.

I urge my colleagues to pass the Raise the Wage Act so that every American can earn a living wage.

#### HONORING DANIEL KELL

(Mr. LANGWORTHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true patriot and advocate for our State's veterans, Daniel Kell, the New York State VFW commander.

Daniel's unwavering dedication to the welfare of our veterans has left an enduring mark on our community and the lives of those that have served.

Earlier this year, I had the privilege of touring Bath VA Medical Center with him, witnessing firsthand his tireless commitment to ensuring that our veterans receive the care and the support that they deserve.

Daniel was raised in my birthplace of Jamestown, New York. Just days after graduating from Jamestown High School in 1979, he answered the call of duty, enlisting in the United States Marine Corps.

His 23 years of service, culminating as master sergeant, reflects a commitment to excellence that has earned him numerous accolades, including the Meritorious Service Medal and Navy commendation medals for his distinguished service during Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

Since joining VFW Post 53 in Jamestown in 2001, he has become a life member, serving in various leadership roles, including national surgeon general.

As he concludes his term as the New York State VFW commander, I thank Daniel Kell for his selfless dedication to our veterans and his exemplary service to our great Nation.

#### END HUNGER NOW

(Mr. MCGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, while Republicans continue to fight amongst themselves, Democrats remain united in working for the American people.

I rise to applaud the USDA Food and Nutrition Services' efforts to give more of America's students access to universal free school meals.

A new final rule published by USDA makes more schools eligible for Federal funds to cover the costs of healthy, nutritious breakfasts and lunches for all students.

This Federal program, called the Community Eligibility Provision, eliminates school meal debts, minimizes shame in the lunch line, and reduces paperwork for school nutrition staff and families.

It will hopefully encourage more States to adopt permanent universal

free school meals as my home State of Massachusetts recently did.

Mr. Speaker, this is a big deal. Thank you to President Biden, Vice President HARRIS, Secretary Vilsack, and Deputy Under Secretary Dean for delivering on commitments coming out of the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health.

I am thrilled that in the richest country in the world, we are making progress to ensure that all kids have access to nutritious food as part of their school day.

Together, we can continue this progress, and together, we can end hunger now.

#### HONORING KAUSHAL SINHA

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Midlands of South Carolina this week celebrated the life of Dr. Kaushal Sinha on Sunday with a memorial service at Caughman-Harman Funeral Home in Lexington.

Dr. Sinha was born February 10, 1940, in Bande Vishunpur, India, the son of Srimati Indirawati Devi and Sri Puneet Sinha.

He and his beloved wife, Arunima, came to New York City with only \$6 each in their pockets when they arrived. His first job in America was limited to cleaning medical equipment with his medical degree supplemented by being a night janitor.

From the humble background of a village without electricity, he became the first college graduate of the village, leading to becoming chief of the orthopedic department of Lexington Medical Center.

I was grateful to volunteer with Kaushal and Arunima to establish the Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of South Carolina.

Dr. Sinha and the Indian-American community of over 4 million citizens reinforce, with the highest income per capita of any household of an ethnic group, that the American Dream is alive for persons who work hard to achieve based on their personal effort, not government dependency.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years in the global war on terrorism as it continues moving from the safe haven of Afghanistan to America with Biden open borders for terrorists. It is sadly clear there will be more 9/11s across America imminent in our country.

#### HONOR AND REMEMBER, INCORPORATED

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, to help bring families closure,

Honor and Remember, Incorporated, strives to provide personalized flags to surviving loved ones.

North Carolina's chapter of Honor and Remember recently paid special tribute to the families of Captain Jeb Franklin Seagle, Corporal Loren Melton, Specialist Jose Melendez, Jr., and Specialist Austin Monk. These names are of brave souls who loved our country.

The presentation of the Honor and Remember flag represents the profound sacrifices made by those killed while serving our country and the enduring pain their families bear.

That is why I introduced the bipartisan H.R. 4109, the Honor and Remember Flag Recognition Act of 2023, legislation already adopted in 27 States, demonstrating deep appreciation for our servicemembers who have died in the line of duty.

Mr. Speaker, a call for the passage of H.R. 4109. Let us honor and remember.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION DAY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Special Education Day.

In the 1970s, Congress made a commitment to provide a free and appropriate education to students with disabilities.

While we have made tremendous progress thanks to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, we have also failed to fully fund the cost of special education.

Congress promised at that point to cover 40 percent of the extra cost of special education, but we have never come close to fulfilling that promise. In fact, the current funding remains at only 14 percent of the targeted amount.

Mr. Speaker, that is shameful. This means our students and schools suffer. It means that programs will be cut. It means that schools won't be able to recruit and retain qualified teachers.

Above all else, it means that students with disabilities will not be able to succeed, not without appropriate, high-quality services that they deserve.

That is why I proudly cosponsored the bipartisan IDEA Full Funding Act, which would mandate gradual increases in IDEA to reach that full commitment—40 percent by fiscal year 2029 and each subsequent fiscal year.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill and uphold the promise to provide students and schools with the resources that they need.

#### RECOGNIZING ALFRED HILL, JR.

(Ms. HAGEMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy